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SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK HOSTS 5TH ANNUAL FIESTA DE SAGUARO

Saguaro National Park will host its fifth annual Fiesta de Saguaro on Saturday, March 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will be held at the park's Rincon Mountain Visitor Center, located at 3693 South Old Spanish Trail. The Fiesta celebrates the rich Hispanic history and culture of the park and local area, with a variety of activities, exhibits, lectures, demonstrations and performances. This family-oriented event is free to the public, and includes free entrance to Saguaro National Park's Rincon Mountain District (Saguaro East).

Activities scheduled for the day include:

- 10:00 a.m. *Fiesta de Saguaro begins*
- 11:00 a.m. *Guest Lecture: "History of the Rincon's," presented by Robin Pinto*
- 12:00 p.m. *Mariachi Rayos del Sol de Tucson High School*
- 12:00 p.m. *Children's Piñata*
- 12:45 p.m. *Folkórico Tapatío*
- 1:15 p.m. *Mariachi Tapatío*
- 2:00 p.m. *Guest Lecture: "History of the Rincon's," presented by Robin Pinto*
- 3:00 p.m. *Children's Piñata*
- 4:00 p.m. *Fiesta de Saguaro ends*

Throughout the day there will be ongoing activities, including children's arts and crafts, special exhibits, and craft demonstrators. This year, Mata Ortiz potters Oralia Lopez and Cesar and Gaby Dominguez will demonstrate their craft of firing and painting this unique style of pottery. A selection of these pots will be available for purchase, as well as other traditional Mexican crafts. Taquería Pico de Gallo and Los Eloteros will be on site offering traditional Mexican food for purchase.

Due to limited parking at the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center, the park will operate a free, continuous shuttle service from Sahuaro Baptist Church, located at 10361 East Old Spanish Trail (at Houghton Road). The shuttle service will run from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Fiesta de Saguaro is sponsored by the National Park Service, with financial support provided by the Western National Parks Association and the Friends of Saguaro National Park. For information on these organizations, please visit their web sites, listed below. For additional event information, contact Melanie Florez at 733-5151, or the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center at 733-5153.

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